

GREATER SCAUP (11)

DeSoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge

February 24, 1983

These birds were determined to be Greater rather than Lesser Scaup on the following characteristics:

Rounded heads with large, very broad bills.

Pure white sides and pale gray backs.

Almost size of Mallards

As the day was very overcast, no green head color was seen, nor did the birds fly to show wing stripe.

Greater Scaup have been seen recently by all three observers.

Distance from birds: 200'--300'

Equipment: 7 x 26 binoculars
6 x 26 binocular
7x 35 binoculars
25x scope
20-60x scope

Books consulted; none

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